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Prohibition Rules

* 57 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to relax Prohibition rules in the Nilgiris district; and

(*b*) if so, how the liquor permits are proposed to be issued?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN: (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY: May I know whether previously there was a proposal to relax the rules in respect of Prohibition in Nilgiris during a particular season and if so, how it was whittled down?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN: No different procedure is adopted in respect of the Nilgiris district. The same procedure is adopted with regard to the grant of permits.

SRI V. C. PALANISAMI GOUNDER: Sir, it was reported that a Cabinet Sub-Committee has been appointed to consider the question of effecting control of Prohibition in the State. May I know what steps have been taken by that Committee to revise the Prohibition Act and to control illicit distillation and tapping?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN: A separate question may be put.

SRI S. RAMALINGAM: நீலகிரி பூராவிற்கும் மதுவிலக்குச் சட்டத்தைத் தளர்த்துவதைப்பற்றி சர்க்கார் யோசிக்காவிட்டாலும் உதகமண்டலத்திற்காவது அம்மாதிரித் தளர்த்துவதற்கு யோசனை செய்தது உண்டா ?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN: வெளியிலிருந்து வருகிற பிரயாணிகளுக்குச் சில சலுகைகள் கொடுக்கப்பட்டன.

Issue of medical certificates to opium addicts

* 58 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether District Medical Officers and Assistant Surgeons are permitted to charge fees for the issue of certificates to opium addicts; and

(*b*) if so, the rate fixed?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN: (*a*) District Medical Officers and Assistant Surgeons are permitted to charge fees for the medical examination and issue of certificate to the registered opium addicts, who are directed departmentally to undergo such medical examinations.

(*b*) The rate of fee fixed is Rs. 16 in the case of a Civil Surgeon and Rs. 5 in the case of an Assistant Surgeon.